

itself. I think that this move to put this bill on Final Reading without debate really does make a mockery of the legislative process. Have you thought about how you're going to go home and face your constituents on this issue? What will you tell them? That the process is good for every issue, except this? Has this ever occurred before when we pass a bill over to Final Reading without any debate on it at all? I don't know, I don't have a legislative history, perhaps it has. If this issue is not the exception, then what issues are and who decides? Are you going to tell your constituents that the majority could find no other means of dealing with this issue except by silencing the minority? Why can't the minority get through to the majority? Why can't we agree to disagree on this issue and all the other issues related to abortion? And why doesn't the knowledge that this type of legislation, if constitutionally suspect, put the brakes on the fast passage of this bill. I protest vigorously and wholeheartedly. How do we know the facts of this issue, unless we discuss it? How do we represent our constituents, unless we discuss it? How do we have a record, unless we discuss it? And what do we do next year when the courts have declared this type of legislation unconstitutional? As Senator Morrissey said, this bill is not as onerous as LB 769, but I don't think it will accomplish much, and I think that in the process of rushing it to Final Reading that we will have prostituted the system. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT PRESIDING

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Langford, please.

SENATOR LANGFORD: Mr. President, I call the question, please.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Langford moves the previous question. Do I see five hands? I do. Shall debate now cease? Those in favor vote aye, opposed nay.

SENATOR LANGFORD: Mr. President, I'm afraid we'll have to call the house. There aren't that many people in the room.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Shall the house go under call? Those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record.

CLERK: 11 ayes, 1 nay to go under call, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The house is under call. Members, please